1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
25	West Bengal	180.11	31.85	33.38	14.86	213.49	27.02
26	A&N Island	0.58	20.55	0.24	22.11	0.82	20.99
27	Chandigarh	0.06	5.75	0.45	5.75	0,51	5.75
28	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.30	17.57	0.03	13.52	0.33	17.14
29	Daman & Diu	0.01	1.35	0.05	7.52	0.06	4.44
30	Delhi	0.07	0.40	11.42	9.42	11.49	8.23
31	Lakshadweep	0.03	9.38	0.08	20.27	0.11	15.60
32	-Pondicherry	0.64	20.55	1.77	22.11	2.41	21.67
	All India	1932.43	27.09	670.07	2362	2602.50	26.10

Corruption in FCI

2008. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large scale corruption in Food Corporation of India (FCI) leading to neglect of farmer's interest;

(b) if so, the details of corruption cases detected in FCI;

(c) the action taken by Government in all those cases; and

(d) the remedial action taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir. To protect the interests of farmers the Food Corporation of India (FCI) takes necessary steps to procure foodgrains at Minimum Support Prices.

(b) and (c) The number of incidents of corruption cases detected against the Food Corporation of India (FCI) officers and action taken during the last three years is given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below).

(d) The remedial steps taken to check corruption by FCI are given in the enclosed Statement-ll *(See* below).

Statement-I

The number of incidents of corruption cases detected against the FCI officers during the last three years.

Sl. No	Nature of irregularity	2004	2005	2006
1.	Acceptance of illegal gratification/ disproportionate assets	8	4	11
2.	Defalcation of accounts/misappropriation	18	34	79
3.	Misappropriation of dead stocks/ construction of godowns	15	13	6
4.	Purchase of sub-standard stocks	480	1026	569
5.	Award of Handling and Transport Contracts	12	12	3
6.	Transit Storage Losses	583	901	1195
7.	Administrative lapses/Miscellaneous	103	155	141
	TOTAL:	1219	2145	2004

The following action was taken in the cases of officers held responsible during the last three years:—

Sl. No	Name of Penalty Imeposed	2004	2005	2006
1.	Dismissal/removal/compulsorily retired	37	44	79
2.	Reduction in rank	39	30	30
3.	Reduction in time scale of pay	361	313	318
4.	Withholding of increment	168	118	216
5.	Recovery from pay of the loss caused to FCI	1346	886	1731
6.	Withholding of promotion	6	5	2
7.	Censure	489	307	382
8.	Warning issued/exoneration cases closed	412	248	323
	TOTAL:	2858	1951	3081

Statement-ll

The remedial steps taken by the Food Corporation of India to check corruption

(i) Setting of Depot Inspection Monitoring Cell (DIMC)

(ii) Rotation of officers from sensitive seats to non-sensitive seats

	No. of staff rotated
2004	1268
2005	3670
2006	1750

(iii) Surveillance of officers on

(a) Agreed List — 82 (Cat 1, 2 officers)

(b) Doubted Integrity List — 442 (Cat 1,14 Officers)

(iv) Identification of

(a) High Loss Storage Depots.

(b) High Loss Railheads for transit losses.

(c) Depot/centers/repeatedly procurement substandard/bad quality of rice (e.g. Muktsar Centre of Faridkot, Punjab).

(v) Intensive checking of above operational points.

(vi) Use of computers, payment through ECS, restrictions on payment in cash.

(vii) Up-gradation of mechanical weighbridges to Electronic Weighbridges (out of 617,315 have been upgraded).

Buffer stock of sugar

t2009. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are having any proposal to set up a buffer stock of sugar worth Rs. 250 crores to bail out sugar industries and to remain in International Competition;

(b) if so, whether the said buffer stock would be maintained by Government or the stock would be kept with sugar mills; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.